From The Principal

Today, our school leaders took us through the Remembrance Day ceremony which commemorates the 96th anniversary of the end of World War 1 and which led to the signing of the Treaty of Versailles between Germany and the Allied Powers.

Don’t forget! If you have the time to sit down, relax, have a cuppa and talk to other parents once you have dropped your children off at school, please join us for Coffee’n’Chat time in the canteen on Wednesday 12 November.

I mentioned last week that we were investigating starting up a breakfast program for those children who miss breakfast or who get up early to catch the bus and spend a lot of time on the bus before school.

The idea would be to set up breakfast under the COLA from 8:40 to 9:10 for a nominal fee. The offerings would include cereal, toast and juice in the warmer months and include porridge in the colder months.

We have been successful in gaining donations of many items from “Chuck Duck and Rooster Cluck” who will be providing, tins of milo, loaves of bread, vegemite, fruit juice and milk to get us started. See the photo below and visit the website for more information at http://www.chuckduck.com.au

What we need now are some generous souls who would be prepared to serve the breakfasts before school. If you are able to help, please let the office know which day suits you. Research does show that students who have a nutritious breakfast are better placed to be able to learn.

Last week, together with Mrs Percival, we took a group of students on a special trip in to Newcastle for a day out. We went aboard the YouthExpress minibus and drove in to Newcastle Foreshore Park for recess and a play on the equipment. Then we headed in to Newcastle Panthers and enjoyed a Frosty Fruit ice block before watching the World Festival of Magic. What a show! The tricks were mind-boggling and the comedian/trickster was really funny and had the whole audience involved.

Special thanks go to Paterson Rotary Club and YouthExpress for making the day a reality.

Those students in Year 5 who have reached Silver level and would like to nominate for a school leadership or sports captain role for 2015 will need to nominate by the end of Friday 14 November.

Speeches and voting will be conducted on the following Friday, 21 November.

Regards,

Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

**November**
- Fri 14: Learn to Swim School ends
- Fri 21: Captain speeches & World of Maths
- Mon 24: Maitland Public School Marching Band
- Fri 28: Year 6 Farewell Dinner - @ Vacy School

**December**
- Fri 5: Netball come and try day @ Paterson
- Wed 10: Presentation Evening @ Tocal College
- Thu 11: Christmas Scripture Service
- Fri 12: Bike Safety Day for Year 3 to 6
- Wed 17: Students last day for 2104
- Thu 18: Staff Development Day

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**Canteen News**

**PLEASE LOOK AT MENU CAREFULLY WHEN ORDERING AS MANY OF THE PRICES HAVE CHANGED.**

Don’t forget there are still Pizza Rounders left at $2.00 each. There are still some of Annabelle Pereira’s Nachos left at $3.50 each. There is still Potato Bake, Macaroni Cheese, Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognaise all at $2.50 available. The new McCain Pizza’s are a single size only for $2.00. FRUIT SALAD WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE TO ORDER FOR LUNCH. It is all fresh seasonal fruit, just what you need on a hot day. Don’t forget 350ml Berri Juice in Apple and Orange flavours at $2.00 each are also available to buy.

I am still looking for some new menu ideas please. Remember to put your name on it and leave at office and I will put it in newsletter.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE POSITION OF CANTEEN ORDERER. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE FILL THIS POSITION BEFORE THE END OF THIS TERM SO THERE IS A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR THE START OF NEXT YEAR. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MEL LUTSCHINI ON 0455281525.**

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**Kindergarten News**

What a busy couple of weeks! Swimmers are working hard in the pool while those still at school are working hard in the Year 1/2 room. We managed to hear all the great camping stories last week. Thank you to all those families that supported the children with this work. I have already started to hear about some of the creative animal habitats that are being designed and I am looking forward to seeing the finished product. These are due Monday 17th of November.

**Plants For Sale**

There are still a few plants left in the Kindergarten plant sale. If you would like to purchase any please contact Ms Graham before the end of the week.

**Active After School Sport Gymnastics**

Due to family commitments, our AASP gymnastic coach is unable to make it this Friday 14th November. Therefore there will be NO gymnastics on Friday this week. We will have a catch-up lesson on Friday 5th December. Thank you for your understanding.

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**Assembly Awards — Doing Our Best ~ 7 November, 2014**

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**Principal’s Awards:** Jack Magri for always being keen to help.

Brianna Beyer for being a fantastic role model with the Sports Shed.
Active After-Schools Program
Parents are reminded that students who have enrolled in tennis on Tuesdays and gymnastics on Friday are expected to commit to the program for its seven week duration. Once enrolled, students are determined to be attending unless the office has been notified of changed arrangements. We do have a number of children on waiting lists for both activities and ask that if your child does not want to continue in the program please notify the office so that students on the waiting list can participate. Please note: there is no gymnastics this Friday 14th November.

No Hat, No Play
The school has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy in line with the Cancer Council’s SunSmart policy that students who do not have a hat to wear during play periods are to stay under the shade of the COLA. Now is a good time to check that your child has their hat, labelled with their name either at school or packed in their bag each day.
Hats are available through the school’s clothing pool and orders can be made at the office.

A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 1 – Week 6
Hello Year 6,
I have enjoyed meeting you all during my visit to your school. I thought that I would provide you with some regular information about what’s happening at Dungog High and what you have to look forward to in 2015. Remember that if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school on 49923022.

This year we have had many successes in the sporting arena, including students representing the school at zone, regional and even state levels in swimming, cross county and athletics. We have also had many teams participating in the Combined High Schools Knockout competitions. School sport is held on Thursday afternoons, with many different activities to choose from such as yoga, football, cricket, fishing, table tennis, swimming, ten-pin bowling and many more. Year 7 will participate in Peer Support during sport time in Term 1 and then you will be able to choose your own sport from Term 2 onwards.

I am sure that if you are interested in participating in sporting activities, there will be something for you, whether it is for fun, fitness, health, competition or all of these!

Mrs Judd

P & C News
Greeted by a fantastic sunny Spring day, 20 cars from the Newcastle Veteran Car Club arrived at Vacy School after a leisurely drive from east Maitland, via Morpeth, Woodville and Martins Creek. All built before 1930, these cars are beautiful to look at, the gleaming brass ware, leather seats and bodies made from steel and timber. It’s great to see these cars out and about. Fox Nicholson was delighted to see a car with his initials "FN" on the number plate and I reckon he’s still working on his Dad to buy him one!

A lovely morning tea was served for the 45 Club members and their guests, catered by donations of food from a small group of parents. Many thanks to those who were able to prepare some food and bring it along, and to those who helped out on the day. The Club members are always impressed with our school and community and rally appreciate the hospitality we provide. This little event is low key and very pleasant to be involved in, and this year it raised $322 for the school. These funds will go directly into improving the schools’ literacy resources.

Once again, thanks for being involved.
Joe Thompson P&C Secretary

Swim School Update
It has been great to see the students continuing to enjoy swim school. Would parents please make sure that all items are labelled as uniforms are easily mixed up during change time. A pair of school shorts has gone missing. They are labelled so please check your washing pile in case they accidently came home in your child’s bag. A note went home yesterday offering the option to order hot chips at the pool on Friday. These need to be returned (with payment) by Thursday at the latest. Your child will still need a packed recess for Friday.
Doug the Reading Bug says
“ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”
Read a book today!!

Reading aloud to children on a frequent basis is one of the most effective ways to promote early literacy development among young children.

The Athlete’s Foot are running a fundraising program to help our school raise money. This program will run all year round and the dollars raised goes straight to the school. The program is easy and requires families and staff shopping at any of our three stores, Glendale, Charlestown or Greenhills for their children’s school shoes, their work shoes and/ or the families sport shoes The Athlete’s Foot will donate $5 for every pair back to the school. All you have to do is mention Vacy School when you shop at any of the stores mentioned above.

It’s Movember

Farmers Hotel Cricket Club are Celebrating
We are holding a charity cricket match on the evening of 29th November
Event commences around 5.30pm
We will be cooking a BBQ for dinner
There will be plenty of slushies and ice-cream for the kids
a few local entrepreneur’s selling their goods and donating to the charity
a xmas hamper raffle, chicken ham and seafood raffle
Plus much more ....
Come along and support the event, have a great time and raise money for Men’s health
Hope to see you there

DYSLEXIA INFORMATION NIGHT
for parents of, or parents who suspect their child is Dyslexic

Ms Marianne Mullally is a Licensed Davis Facilitator
Dyslexia Learning Consultant, and professional member of SPELD

Meeting is to be held
THIS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13
6.00pm
at the Dungog Community Centre Meeting Room
103 Dowling Street Dungog
Please call 0400 446 515 for further information